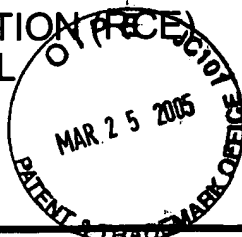


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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/532,263
Filing Date	March 22, 2000
First Named Inventor	Douglas James Hilton
Art Unit	1646
Examiner Name	Prema Maria Mertz
Attorney Docket Number	10296A

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other (SEE ATTACHED) Page 2 of 2

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 03/28/2005 AHONDAF1 00000070 09532263
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 790.00 0P
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 (for RCE) enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print / Type)	Xiaochun Zhu	Registration No. (Attorney / Agent)	56,311
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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

b. Enclosed

iv. Other:

- Combined Amendment & Petition for (5 month) Extension of Time Transmittal (dup)
- Substitute Paper Copy of Sequence Listing
- Initial Computer Readable Form of Sequence Listing on disk
- Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f)



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**Applicant:** Douglas James Hilton

**Examiner:** Prema Maria Mertz

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Final Action dated February 24, 2004 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicant respectfully submits the following response for entry in the above-identified case.

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